



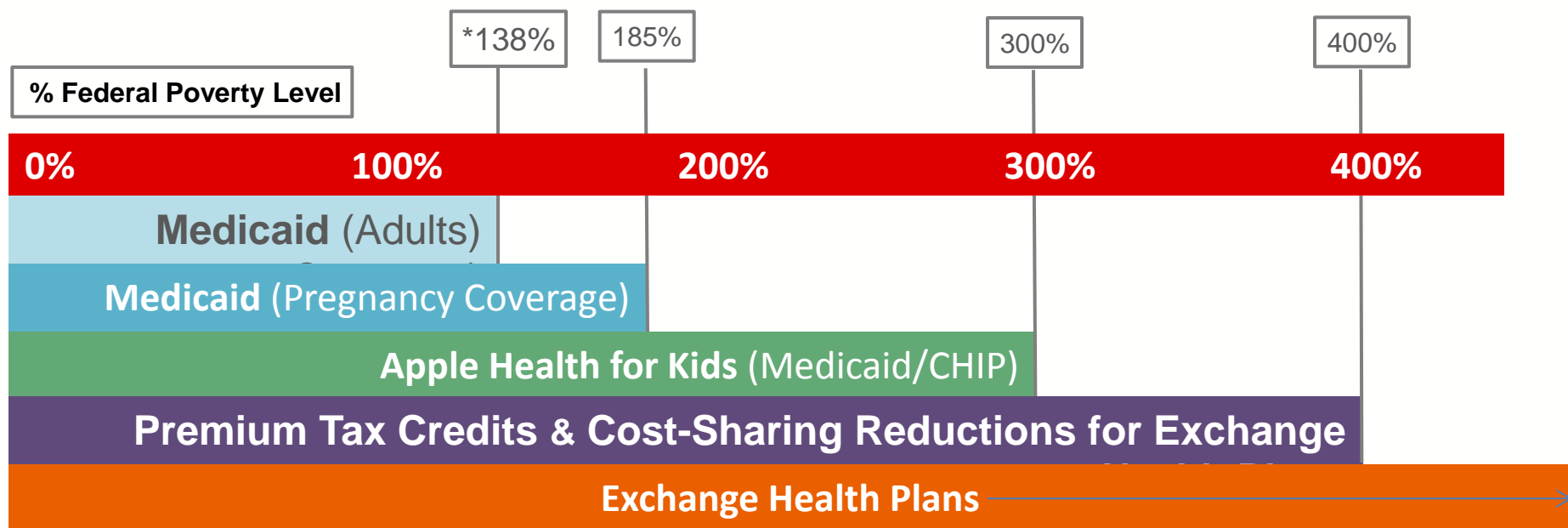
## Medicaid Benefit Changes: 2014 Overview

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# Health Care Coverage in 2014

## New Continuum of Affordable Options



\* The ACA's "133% of the FPL" is effectively 138% of the FPL because of a 5% across-the-board income disregard

# 2013 FPL Levels

Federal Poverty Level	Annual Income: Individual	Annual Income Level: Family of 3
100%	\$11,496	\$19,536
133%	\$15,288	\$25,980
138%	\$15,864	\$26,952
200%	\$22,980	\$39,060
300%	\$34,476	\$58,596
400%	\$45,960	\$78,120

**Source:** <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/13poverty.cfm>

Per HHS directive, after inflation adjustment, the guidelines are rounded and adjusted to standardize the differences between family sizes.



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## APPLICATIONS:

Began Oct 1, 2013

## NEW BENEFITS:

Begin Jan 1, 2014



# Medicaid in 2014

- **Expand Medicaid to 138%\*** of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- **Washington's new adult groups will include:**
  - Childless adults with incomes below 138% FPL
  - Parents with incomes between 40% and 138% of FPL (parents with incomes below 40% FPL are currently covered)
- **Current Medicaid eligibility standards still apply to aged, blind, disabled, SSI and foster children**

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# Timeline for Benefits Development

- **Feb 2013:** “Strawman” for discussion  
<http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me/Pages/policies.aspx#benchmark>
- **Jun 30, 2013:** Washington State Budget signed  
[http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/index\\_lbns.asp](http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/index_lbns.asp)
- **Jul 15, 2013:** CMS final rules on Essential Health Benefits in Alternative Benefit Plans  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/07/15/2013-16271/medicaid-and-childrens-health-insurance-programs-essential-health-benefits-in-alternative-benefit>
- **Aug 2013:** “Implementation” workgroups began
- **Sep 2013:** CMS 11 ABP templates available  
<http://157.199.113.99/MMDLDOC/abpIG.html>
- **Oct-Nov 2013:** CMS guidance & ABP template development
- **Nov-Dec 2013:** WAC process (SPA and ABP)  
Further details will be available
- **Jan 1, 2014:** New benefits begin

# Overview of Adult Benefits

- **Affordable Care Act – Alternative Benefit Plan**

- Benefits for newly eligible Medicaid adults
- Cover all 10 essential health benefits categories
- Meet mental health parity
- Cover non-emergency medical transportation
- Cover Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment
- Include enhanced preventive services
- Include shingles vaccination for adults 60+

- **2013-15 Budget Authority**

- Medicaid expansion expenditure authorized
- Adult benefits standardized except new habilitative services benefit applies to newly eligible adults only
- Dental services restored
- Naturopaths covered

## **Essential Health Benefits**

1. Ambulatory services
2. Emergency services
3. Hospitalization
4. Maternity and newborn care
5. Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment
6. Prescription drugs
7. Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
8. Laboratory services
9. Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management
10. Pediatric services, including oral and vision care

# ABP Won't Cover Behavioral Health Continuum

- **Mental Health Services:**

- Crisis/Involuntary Treatment Act services and related judicial costs
- Services for people in local Jails
- Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) hospitals and residential services
- Other critical safety net programs and services including Offender Re-entry and Residential Treatment Facility room and board

- **Chemical Dependency Services:**

- IMD chemical dependency residential and detoxification Programs
- CD residential facility room and board
- Parent child assistance program
- Other critical safety net programs and services including Childcare, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, limited involuntary treatment



# 2014 Benefit Changes

## 1) **Restoration of Dental Benefits for Adults** (FFS)

- ❖ Restorative
- ❖ Preventive
- ❖ Dentures

# 2014 Benefit Changes

## 2) **Preventive Care**

- ❖ Add shingles vaccination for clients over 60 years of age (ACA)
- ❖ Add Naturopathic physicians to the list of eligible providers for primary care services for all clients (BUD)
  - No coverage for homeopathic interventions

# 2014 Benefit Changes

- ❖ Add screenings of children for autism by primary care providers (BUD)
- ❖ Add screening, brief intervention and referral for treatment (SBIRT) by trained certified providers for clients known to be or at high risk for substance abuse, to include alcohol and drugs w/wo anxiety and depression (ACA)
- ❖ Add prescription fills of oral contraceptives for 12 months at a time for female clients (BUD)

# 2014 Benefit Changes

## 3) **Changes to Mental Health benefit to achieve MH Parity** *(ACA)*

- ❖ No limits on number of visits - all ages (12, 20)
- ❖ Expansion of eligible providers to provide counseling services for adults:
  - *Licensed Psychologists*
  - *Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners*
  - *Licensed Advanced Social Workers*
  - *Licensed Independent Social Workers*
  - *Licensed Mental Health Counselors*
  - *Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists*

# 2014 Benefit Changes

For Expansion population **ONLY** (ACA)

## 4) **Habilitative services -**

Are medically necessary services provided to assist the client in partially or fully attaining, learning, keeping or improving developmental-age appropriate skills that were never present as a result of a congenital, genetic, or early acquired health condition and required to maximize, to the extent practical, the client's ability to function within their environment.

# 2014 Benefit Changes

These services will be covered equivalent to the current outpatient rehabilitation services (6 visits each for physical, occupational and speech therapy) and subject to limitation extensions as determined medically necessary via prior authorization.

Devices provided for this purpose are covered under the DME benefit.

# 2014 Benefit Changes

## **These services do not include:**

- ❖ Day habilitation services designed to provide training, structured activities and specialized services to adults.
- ❖ Chore services to assist with basic needs.
- ❖ Vocational services.
- ❖ Custodial services.
- ❖ Respite.
- ❖ Recreational care.
- ❖ Residential treatment.
- ❖ Social services.
- ❖ Educational services of any kind.

# Questions?



# Resources

- HCA Medicaid Expansion 2014: [www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me)
  - Contact Us: [medicaidexpansion2014@hca.wa.gov](mailto:medicaidexpansion2014@hca.wa.gov)
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